

THE TRIBUNE REACHES MORE BUSINESS MEN THAN ANY OTHER MORNING PAPER

**AN INQUIRY  
IS ORDERED**

Senate Committee of Five Appointed to Investigate Serious Charges.

**AFTER THE STOCK SPECULATORS**

The Members of the Senate at Last Aroused to Action--Rumors of Gross Violations of the Law Will Be Looked Into--Some Interesting Developments are Expected to Follow Investigation.

WASHINGTON, May 17. THE recent newspaper publications as to the alleged attempt to bribe two senators to vote against the tariff bill and as to the sugar provisions in that bill, having been inserted in consideration of the gift of half a million dollars to the Democratic campaign fund in 1892, were brought up in the senate today and occupied its attention throughout the morning hour.

Mr. Hinton, Virginia, one of the two senators whose votes it was sought to buy, expressed the hope that the matter would be investigated and probed to its depths, and Mr. Harris, Tennessee, joined in the like request on behalf of the other senator interested, Mr. Kyle, South Dakota, absent from Washington on committee business.

Senator Hansbrough, North Dakota, presented a letter from the reputed bribery agent, C. W. Lutz, also inviting the speediest investigation, and denouncing the whole matter as a fraud and swindle. Mr. Hale, Maine, expressed his belief that the stories were got up for the purpose of calling away attention from other points connected with the tariff bill and on the principle of the "stop thief" cry.

The resolution was finally agreed to without a division, considerably widened in its scope from the one originally offered by Mr. Lodge, Massachusetts, on Tuesday. It provides for a committee of five senators to investigate the charges, to inquire whether any contributions have been made by the sugar trust to any political party for campaign or election purposes or to secure or defeat legislation, and whether any senator has been speculating in sugar stocks during the pendency of the tariff bill.

The committee was subsequently announced as Senators Gray (Dem., Del.) Lindsay (Dem., Ky.) Lodge (Rep., Mass.) Davis (Rep., Minn.) and Allen (Pop., Neb.).

**LITTLE PROGRESS ON TARIFF BILL.**

Although the tariff bill was taken up as usual at noon it was not until after 4 p. m. that any progress was made--the intervening time having been occupied by Mr. Gallagher of New Hampshire in the delivery of the second division of his speech, and Mr. Higgins, Delaware, in remarks favoring an increase of duty on other sienna and amber earths. There were fifteen minutes of "medicinal" preparations, and at 6 p. m. the bill was laid aside for the day.

At the usual hour for adjournment, 6 p. m., the Republican side of the senate was startled by a motion made by Mr. Harris (Tenn.) that instead of adjourning till 11 a. m. tomorrow, the senate take a recess until that hour, the object of this movement being to keep the tariff bill perpetually before the senate, to the exclusion of the morning business. The motion was resisted on the Republican side, and was met with a resort to filibustering, the Republicans declining to vote and leaving the senate without a quorum.

**HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.**

The agricultural appropriation bill was finally disposed of by the house this afternoon after having been, slightly amended, the most important of these changes being an additional provision to enable the publication of false weather reports or the unauthorized use of weather bureau signals. Provision was made for continuing the investigation into the cultivation of the Kalmia fibre for which Secretary Morton has failed to make an estimate.

Nearly two hours of the session was wasted because of the failure of Messrs. Hatch, (Dem., Mo.) in charge of the bill, and Cannon, (Rep., Ill.) to agree upon the time for debate of an amendment to increase the appropriation for an investigation in connection with the irrigation of arid lands.

The most noticeable feature of the afternoon's debate was Mr. Dingley's (Rep., Me.) statement that the secretary of agriculture had fallen short by more than a quarter of a million of dollars of redeeming the promise made in his annual report last November, in respect of the reduction of expenses of the department.

**NEGROES AT COKE OVENS.**

Agents of the Companies are Scouring the South for Recruits.

UNIONTOWNS, Pa., May 17. The officials of the Rainey Coke company announced today that every foreigner in their employ will be discharged as fast as is possible, and that their places filled by negroes. The company has agents in the south employing these substitutes and two car loads are now en route to the coke regions. Others will come north as fast as they can be secured.

It is said several large companies are also getting colored workmen from the south. The agents report no trouble in securing all the good workers they want. Elm Grove and Mount Brad-dock, of the Rainey company works, will be fired up next week with the imported negroes.

**DOINGS OF THE MILITARY.**

Orders Issued from Headquarters Last Evening.

HARRISBURG, May 17. Three orders were issued from headquarters of the National guard tonight. First Lieutenant Edmund H. McCullough, First troop, Philadelphia City cavalry,

granted leave of absence from May 15 until Sept. 1, 1894, with permission to go beyond the sea. Cornet John C. Groome, First troop, Philadelphia City cavalry, granted leave of absence from May 16 until July 28, 1894, with permission to go beyond the sea. Captain Edward Morris, Company D, Third regiment, granted leave of absence from May 1 until June 15, 1894. The following officers are honorably discharged: Captain Joseph Lapsey Wilson, First troop, Philadelphia City cavalry, resigned April 25, 1894; Captain G. M. Morehead, Company G, First regiment, resigned April 25, 1894; First Lieutenant Frank M. Stephenson, adjutant Sixth regiment, resigned April 26, 1894.

**CLOSED BY COAL FAMINE.**

Shops Obligated to Suspend, Throwing 1,700 Men Out of Employment.

MONTREAL, May 17. Tomorrow all the shops on the Grand Trunk system, without exception, will close down owing to the coal famine. The close down may last ten days or three weeks, passenger and freight trains will be curtailed as much as possible.

In Montreal alone fully 1,700 men are affected.

**JENNIE ROSS ON TRIAL.**

Jury Selected After Considerable Difficulty--Many Challenges Were Made--Case Attracts Attention.

SPECIAL TO THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 17. A jury was selected at the United States court just before the close this afternoon to deliberate upon the case of Jennie Ross, of Scranton.

Considerable difficulty was experienced many challenges being made. The case will come up for trial the first thing in the morning. Yesterday afternoon Attorney Watson moved to quash the indictment on the ground that it does not set forth the contents of the letters and that obscene matter sealed in an envelope, with nothing but the address on the outside, does not come under the head of unmailed matter. Judge Baffington withheld his decision until this morning, when he refused to sustain the motion. The case is exciting much interest in Pittsburgh, and the court room will be crowded tomorrow. Attorney Watson is prepared to put up a hard fight for his client.

The government will attempt to prove that the letters are in the handwriting of Mrs. Ross and it is understood that the defense will place Pittsburg men on the stand to swear that the writing is not hers. The case will doubtless occupy the balance of the week.

**FOREST FIRES RAGING.**

Thousands of Acres of Timber Destroyed in Rhode Island.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 17. The most destructive forest fire known in the history of West Rhode Island is now raging in the towns of West Greenwich and Exeter. Thousands of acres of wood and meadow lands have already been burned over and the fire is still burning, and unless rain or some more efficient means of staying the progress of the flames than that at hand can be brought to the assistance of the farmers, the path of the fire will extend to the shores of the bay.

It is impossible to make any accurate estimate of the amount of damage done or the extent which the flames have spread, but according to an apparently reliable estimate, the fire has cut a swath from three to four miles in width and nearly fifteen in length.

**EFFECTS OF COAL STRIKE.**

Grand Trunk Railway will Handle no More Grain.

CHICAGO, May 17. Officials of the Grand Trunk Railroad company announced on the board of trade today that pending a settlement of the coal strike no more grain would be received for shipment.

Any coal received by the system, it is announced, will be reserved for passenger trains and perishable freight.

**ANARCHISTS ARRESTED.**

They Paraded the Streets of a French Town and Fought the Police.

ROUEN, France, May 17. A desperate fight took place last evening between the police and a mob of anarchists, who were parading the streets and shouting, "Vive l'Internationale," and "A bas la France."

During the disturbance several anarchists were injured and six of them were arrested.

**FLASHED FROM THE WIRES.**

By a five-story fall from a tilting elevator, in a New York apartment house, Thomas Foley and August Kuler were fatally hurt.

Three drunken tramps tried to wreck a Chicago express near Winona, Minn., and were captured by the train hands after a desperate fight.

Alleging conspiracy to cheat him out of a diploma, E. J. Church, of Omaha, Neb., sued the regents of the state university for \$25,000 damages.

A drink of very cold spring water started the bilechamps on Anthony Menzies, a farmer, aged 75 years, two weeks ago. Doctors could not relieve him and he coughed his life away, dying yesterday of exhaustion.

**AIMED AT THE  
IRON TRADE**

Organizers Are Convincing Among the Steel and Iron Workers About the State.

**UNIVERSAL STRIKE THREATENED**

Report Among Steel Workers to the Effect That a Strike Will Be inaugurated That Will Spread Over the Entire Country--Agents Are at Present Sounding Steel and Iron Workers on the Subject.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 17. PROBABLY the most important business to be considered at the Cleveland convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers is the advisability of a national strike in the iron trade. Such is the report current among the local iron and steel workers, who say that the project has been under discussion in their lodge for several months. According to the same sources of information unionists have been working with much success among the employees of non-union mills.

It is well known that the non-union workers as well as the unionists have become dissatisfied over the present condition of affairs. It is stated that the desire of Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers' organization to co-operate has been eagerly accepted. For the purpose of stirring up a general strike sentiment for higher wages, trusted organizers have been sent to Steelton, Harrisburg, Pottsville and Westfield, where the belief is general that the belief seemed to be general that before evening the conference will come to an end without having reached anything approaching a settlement. Not even a modus vivendi, whereby the country may be supplied with coal and the question of wages discussed at another time, is expected.

The convention was called to order shortly after 9 o'clock, and Chairman Zerbe called for a report of the conference committee. Every delegate in historic case knew just what it would be--that no agreement could be reached--and there was no surprise in that.

The miners had been informed by the morning newspapers of the belief expressed by the operators that President McElwaine could not keep the men on strike much longer and they proceeded to dispel what they called a delusion on the part of their employees. They pointed to the fact that strikes so complete and far-reaching in its results are not declared off by the strikers when they have so much to encourage and so little to discourage them.

Secretary Patrick J. McBryde has insisted all along that no settlement can be made because the operators have not yet felt the rigors of a complete strike. Many operators started home last night, leaving their proxies, and some went away this morning, so that the convention, when it was called to order, consisted of not more than 200 delegates. There were 400 on the first day.

The small operators expect the larger ones to make an effort to break the strike, as they, especially those from Pittsburgh, who have taken contracts to deliver about 500,000 pounds of coal to railroads and for the lake trade from \$1.90 to \$2.17, prevented a settlement.

Last season coal for fueling vessels sold from \$2.25 to \$2.50, but the year before navigation was fairly opened, an operating company took the contract to fuel vessels for \$1.90. Such contracts as these have so far prevented a settlement of the vexed question.

**TERRIBLE CYCLONE.**

Harrisburg Destroys a Town--Seven People Are Killed.

BRAN, O., May 17. Between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon a cyclone passed over this (William) county in a westerly direction. It is reported by couriers that in Knokke, a hamlet twelve miles north of here, the wind was terrific, destroying half of the town, killing seven people, and injuring about thirty others.

Doctors from neighboring towns are hurrying to the scene. The wind was followed by four or five inches of hail.

**BEAT NELLIE BLY'S TIME.**

George Griffiths Travels Around the World in 64 Days.

LONDON, May 17. George F. Griffiths who started from London at 11 o'clock on the morning of March 12 to circumnavigate the world and to beat the record of 74 held by "Nellie Bly" of New York, arrived here at 10 last evening, having accomplished his feat in 64 days, 11 hours and 30 minutes. Griffiths expected at the start to cover the distance in sixty days.

**HEARD OVER THE CABLE.**

Because his father, a widower, took a new wife, Leopold Bonlay, a Paris cabman, killed him.

Twelve hundred invitations have been issued for the London banquet to the officers of the United States cruiser Chicago. Spain promises to pay \$17,000 indemnity to an American missionary, who suffered injury in the Caroline islands, but will not allow him to return there.

**LIVELY FIGHT  
OVER TROPHY**

It Enlivened the Closing Hours of the C. T. A. U. Convention.

**OLD OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED**

A Host of Candidates Named for the Delegates to the National Convention at St. Paul--Several Hours Consumed in Selecting Them--Who The Fortunate Ones Were--Next Convention Will Be Held in the City of Carbondale.

WILKES-BARRE, May 17. THE annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union of the diocese of Scranton closed today amid a lively display of oratorical fireworks.

Just before the convention adjourned the question of the disposition of the union trophy was raised and produced what was far the most exciting scene of the convention.

The struggle for delegateships to the national convention was extremely lively and it required several hours to determine just who the proper persons were.

President Devine was honored with a reelection as a token of the appreciation that is felt for his zealous and untiring efforts in behalf of the movement. He presided over the deliberations of the convention with coolness and caution and protected the privileges of every speaker who obtained recognition. The faithful officers who served with him were also re-elected.

**BUSINESS OF THE MORNING.**

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the delegates attended mass at St. Mary's church. Rev. Father O'Rourke being the celebrant. President Devine called the convention to order at 9:15 and said that to facilitate business he would have to apply the rule prohibiting any delegate from speaking more than once on a subject without the permission of the convention.

A letter from A. W. Duffy, one of the officers of the national union, was read, which urged as many delegates as possible to send delegates to the national convention in St. Paul on August 1. He said that half rates of fare will be given by the railroads.

Miles J. McAndrew, chairman of the delegates who represented the diocesan union at the national convention held in Springfield, Mass., last August, presented the report of the delegates. It was a clear and lucid presentation of the work done by the national convention. Mr. McAndrew said that the reports of officers showed that there were 77 societies in the national union, divided as follows: Men, 45; ladies, 17; ladies, 20; girls, 2. The total membership of these organizations at that time was 51,676.

**MUTUAL AID AGAIN CONSIDERED.**

Maurence Walsh of West Scranton, claimed the attention of the convention and urged that the plan of insurance which, it was stated on Wednesday would be brought to the attention of the convention today, be given the body. He spoke warmly in favor of insurance. The request of Mr. Walsh for the new plan brought M. T. Burke before the body and he stated that the new plan was very exhaustive and that it was desirable that it should be carefully considered by the societies. He said that before the convention a journal the insurance committee would recommend that the plan be printed and sent to the different societies for consideration.

J. J. McKeown, of Drifton, moved that a general parade of all the societies of the union be held on Oct. 10 next to commemorate the birth of Rev. Theobald Mathew, the apostle of temperance and founder of the movement.

The proposition produced a stormy debate, participated in by Mr. Caffrey, Jernyn, Mr. Burke, Carbondale; Mr. McKeown, Plymouth; Mr. Harry Kincaid; Mr. McAndrew, Archbald; Mr. Mulvaney, Carbondale; Mr. O'Toole, Wilkes-Barre; Mr. Gallagher, Wilkes-Barre; Mr. Cullen, Scranton; Mr. Walsh, Winton.

**TWO PARADES WILL BE HELD.**

Mr. Burke of Carbondale amended Mr. McKeown's motion by substituting the word "district" for "general". The amendment prevailed and Mr. Burke of Kingston moved that the territory covered by the union be divided into three districts and as many parades held. This motion was amended by Mr. McKeown of Plymouth to read that four parades be held.

After a long discussion Mr. Murray of Plymouth amended the motion to the effect that two parades be held. The motion carried and on motion of Mr. Cullen of Scranton it was decided that societies north of the dividing line between Luzerne and Lackawanna counties should have one parade and those south of that point another.

A recess was then taken and the delegates from the portions of the union caucused. Michael LeVyn was chairman of the Luzerne meeting and J. J. Gallagher secretary. Hazleton, Pittston and Parsons were nominated for the parade and on the second ballot Pittston was chosen. Edward Dougher, of that place, was nominated marshal.

**PARADE AT JERNYN.**

James Pilgson, of Carbondale, preside over the meeting of the Lackawanna delegates and J. J. Swaney, of Scranton was secretary. Jernyn and Jessup were nominated for the parade. A ballot resulted in the selection of Jernyn. Michael McKeown, of Jernyn, was elected marshal of that parade.

The result of the work of these meetings was reported to the convention and ratified.

M. T. Burke, chairman of the committee on constitutional amendment, submitted the report of that body, and on motion of Mr. O'Toole, of Wilkes-Barre, it was accepted and its recommendations complied with.

The amendments recommended that an appropriation not to exceed \$100 be made yearly to defray the expenses of the house.

**WHERE IS T. ELWOOD MARTIN?**

Young Man of Wealth and a Parted Name Disappears.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., May 17. The police here were informed today of the mysterious disappearance of a son of T. Elwood Martin, a wealthy resident of New London, this county. Young Martin, who is about 20 years of age, left home two weeks ago with the intention of going to Harrisburg to undergo an examination by the state board for a diploma permitting him to practice as a druggist. During the past winter he attended lectures at a college of pharmacy in Philadelphia. He failed at the recent examination and this had a very depressing effect upon him.

A search has revealed that he did not reach Harrisburg and his friends fear that some mishap has befallen him. Young Martin is a member of one of the best families in Southern Chester county, and when he left home he had a considerable sum of money about his person.

**GALVINITES' LIGHT LUNCH.**

The Hobos Are Not Useful to Citizens of Derry.

DERRY, Pa., May 17. Galvin's indus trials arrived here yesterday with 113 men in line. A little food was given them, but as a rule the people have no use for them.

The army will leave for Blairsville today.

**STATE LEAGUE TROUBLE.**

The Base Ball Magnates Quarrel Like Little School Boys at Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 17. It was an exceedingly vociferous meeting of the State Base Ball League held at the Grand hotel tonight. All the clubs were represented, even Witman, of Reading, who threatened to hold a rump meeting of the league at Reading, showed up early in the game. He and Hanson, of Hazleton, were the last to reach the hotel. Those present were Meyers and Huston, of Boston; of Harrisburg; Drew and Donahoe, of Altoona; Smith, of Pottsville; Sanders and Swift, of Scranton; Kelly, of Allentown; Hanson, of Hazleton; and Witman, of Reading. The proxy of Parks, of Easton, was held by President Meyers.

On the invitation of President Meyers and Secretary Diddleback half a dozen newspaper men were also on hand, but they were promptly fired from the room on King Kelly's motion, but not until the league officials had protested against the discourtesy. The president and secretary each made a speech in which they stated that there having been gross misrepresentation of their official actions by certain members of the league through the press, it was not fair that the press should be given the true facts. But the clique which seems bent on disorganization insisted on a secret session and the newspaper men retired.

At midnight the meeting is still on without any sign of adjournment. M. E. Sanders, of the Scranton Truth, came for the purpose of turning down Secretary Diddleback and putting himself in his place.

The Pottsville-Harrisburg game played here last Saturday was thrown out. Smith protested that the umpire had violated the rules in allowing a runner base on a fly ball dropped by an infielder when a man was on first base. This protest, game at Easton was awarded to Hazleton on the ground that the crowd had interfered with the players.

President Meyers was deposed and Hanson of Hazleton, elected instead, the vote being Allentown, Altoona, Harrisburg and Reading for Hanson, and Pottsville, Scranton, and Hazleton for Meyers. The proxy of the Easton club held by Mr. Meyers was not voted.

H. H. Diddleback was re-elected secretary unanimously. Ex-President Meyers tendered the resignation of the Harrisburg club as a member of the league, and withdrew from the meeting.

The league gave visiting clubs the privilege of taking 50 per cent of the gate receipts instead of the \$50 guarantee, and this so incensed Witman, of Reading, that he followed Meyers' example and resigned.

The league adjourned at 1:10 a. m., but after ten minutes, recovered. President Hanson resigned and ex-President Meyers was unanimously re-elected.

**MOCK MARRIAGE THAT HOLDS.**

Colored Widow Captures a Bachelor in Funny Style.

STRENTVILLE, O., May 16. As the result of a mock marriage recently at the colored church entertainment, performed by the pastor between "Aunt" Elsie Jacobs, a widow, and William Dade, a bachelor of 63, Mrs. Jacobs and claims to be Mrs. Dade, and says she will sue her husband for non support.

Dade is well-to-do and will fight the case. Under the Ohio law the marriage is legal.

**WASHINGTON GOSSIP.**

Senator Bruce has lost Senator Vest \$30 to \$40 that the tariff bill will pass the senate by June 15.

A decline of the gold reserve to \$57,000,000 will be the result of the exports of \$2,500,000, announced yesterday to the treasury department.

The state of Virginia has defaulted on the payment of \$241,000 Virginia state bonds held by the United States treasurer as United trust funds and now due.

The Norris Peters company, of Washington, has retained the contract for the photograph lithographic work of the patent office, at \$29,508 less than when it formerly held the contract.

**WEATHER FORECAST.**

WASHINGTON, May 17. Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania, for Friday: Cloudy, fog, with conditions favorable for showers and thunder storms; southwest winds.

For Western Pennsylvania, showers and probably thunder storms; cooler; high winds shifting to west.

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